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## Progress of the Conspiracy

### Three Sovereign States.

From the Enquirer, Dec. 24th.]

In South Carolina the situation is more serious than ever. Two Speakers still in session, two Speakers still claiming the chair, two factions in the Chamber of the House, each denouncing the other as lawless, contending day and night for the place of power, the hour for the inauguration of the Governor close at hand—the hilariousness and good nature have naturally departed. Sleepless days and nights without rest have a tendency to annihilate amiability, and the wrangle in the South

Caroline house was not certain to continue to be a peaceful one, even in the absence of interference from without. But it was reported last night that State militia would undertake to remove Mr. Wallace, the Democratic Speaker, from the chair, and eject the Democratic members of the Legislature from Edgefield and Laurens. It is said that this movement will be sustained by the United States troops, a report which we do not like to credit. The people are assembling at the State Capital, ostensibly to attend the State Fair, really to attend the inaugural

The Louisiana Returning Board is now engaged diligently in making up its report. The sessions are private. It is understood that the compilations are being made from the returns of the Supervisors, and not from the Commission report.

vided by law. The result will be announced on Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. There is no longer a doubt as to the decision. The Packard State ticket is to be counted in and the Electors given to Hayes. No attention is paid to Democratic protests or Democratic evidence. John Sherman has been provided with a big bundle of outrage affidavits, which he

There is nothing important from Florida. There is hardly a doubt but that the State will be thrown to Hayes at the last moment. The Democrats of the country might as well be getting ready to hold some indignation meetings.

From the Enquirer, Dec. 6th.]

The crisis was not reached in South

Carolina yesterday. The Democratic House, after holding the fort all night, journeyed at 12 o'clock to Carolina Hall. This was done to prevent a collision with Chamberlain having threatened to use his Constabulary in ejecting the disputed members from the counties of Edgefield and Laurens. The hour of 2 p. m. yesterday had been selected by joint resolution

for the House and Senate to meet and canvass the votes for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor. The resolution emanates from the Mackey House. Before the hour arrived yesterday the Senate adjourned thus putting an end to the canvass. Nothing can be done until a new resolution for a Joint Convention is adopted by the Mackey House. It is believed that the Senate will recognize the Wallace or Democrat House as the legal body. The Republican House has but 56 members, while

are necessary. The Democratic House has 60 members, and expects to secure three from the Mackey "Rump." The Supreme Court will probably grant a *mandamus* today compelling the Secretary of State to deliver the returns for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor to Speaker Wallace to be canvassed. Upon the whole, the situation in South Carolina is more hopeful.

Our special from Florida gives at length the argument place before the Returns

Board yesterday by the Democratic Committee. It is a complete summing up of the vote of the State, and expresses in glaring manner the frauds attempted by the Republicans. The argument, it is said, made quite an impression upon the Board, and a favorable report is hoped for. Cogill is thought to be under conviction. The Board gives the State to the Hay-

Electors the Democratic Electors will meet to-morrow, cast their votes, send them to Washington and issue an address to the country. On the most unfavorable showing the Democrats claim a majority of 267. A decision will be rendered to-day.

Our intelligence from New Orleans is to the effect that the Returning Board will proclaim the result of its deliberations

day. Troops will surround the Custom house and protect the Board from any popular demonstration of disapproval. The Board has thrown out all the important Democratic parishes and will count Packard in as Governor by a majority of about 2,000. The Hayes Electors will be counted in by majorities ranging from 800 to 1,500.

The anticipated outrage was perpetrated in Louisiana yesterday. Thirteen thousand voters were disfranchised by the arbitrary, lawless act of an incomplete and lawless Returning Board. The deed was done, as has been predicted in these columns. At midnight between the 4th

5th inst. the mode of disfranchising seven thousand white men whose right to vote was not disputed, and whose right to have their votes counted followed upon their right to vote, was determined upon, a yesterday afternoon the slaughter of the right of suffrage in Louisiana, and of the Constitution of that State, was complete. Governor Kellogg signed the certificate

of the eight Hayes Electors and of the Republican candidates on the State ticket. The Returning Board say that they rejected the votes of the parishes of Grant and East Feliciana, of several polls in Baton Rouge, of six polls in West Feliciana, eight polls in Ouachita Parish. The Board say: "The United States Deputy Marshal in charge of the ballot-box at

of the rejected polls was shot, and we threw out the whole parish." This, by their confession, is their method, and by this method they show a Republican majority of about four thousand. Meanwhile Governor McEnery is issuing certificates to Tillam Electors, and meanwhile, also, a Committee of the House of Representatives, headed by Mr. Morrison, is sent to Louisiana

Every legal method of defeating the summation of the wrong will be resorted to, and the outrage will not be consummated. In South Carolina the outrages schemes of the Republican managers were carried out yesterday to the letter. The "Rump" Legislature met in the Capitol at Columbia and threw out the vote of Ed-

field County, which gave Hampton 3, majority, and that of Laurens, which gave him 1,100 majority, and then declared Chamberlain elected Governor by a majority of 3,044 votes. When it was announced that the votes of these two counties were thrown out, the Democratic Statesmen retired from the Hall. Chamberlain it is announced, will be inaugurated

the day. The legal House of Representatives (Democratic) received two additional members.



